

Remarks

The Notice of Non-compliant amendment mailed August 23, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

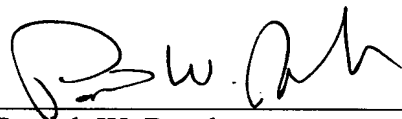
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three-month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Notice of Non-compliant amendment dated August 23, 2006 for the above-identified patent application from September 23, 2006 through and including December 26, 2006. December 23, 2006 is a Saturday, December 24, 2006 is a Sunday, and December 25, 2006 is a Federal holiday. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$1020.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Notice of Non-compliant amendment. Specifically, Applicants respectfully traverse the statement that "Applicant has not addressed the 114 requirement." Applicants representative Kevin McDermott conducted a plurality of interviews with Examiner Ajay Bhatia on December 7, 2006 and December 18, 2006 to demonstrate, via a hard copy, a code illustrating the recitations of "formatting an Ethernet Global Data language of the PLC by applying an extensible markup language format and by providing, within the XML schema, a reference to an address of a location of a variable within the PLC", "utilizing the schema to validate at least one XML file parsed from a comma separated variable (CSV) file created by a configuration tool for a protocol different than the protocol of the PLC", "the schema including at least one of an Build Information element, a Device element, and an Exchange element, the Build Information element including at least one of a Name element, a Description element, a Tool element, a Validation Code element, a Last Build Date element, and a Last Build Time element", "the schema including at least one of an Build Information element, a Device element, and an Exchange element, the Device element including at least one of a Build Information element, a Device Configuration element, and a Device Validation element", "the schema including at least one

of an Build Information element, a Device element, and an Exchange element, the Exchange element including at least one of a Build Information element, a Name element, a Description element, a Producer Identifier (ID) element, a Exchange ID element, a Signature element, a Source element, a Destination element, a Period element, and a Timeout element.” Moreover, Applicants demonstrated, during the December 7 interview, portions of the specification that correspond to the recitations. Additionally, Applicants demonstrated a hard copy of a proprietary code, such as Ethernet Global Data (EGD), during the interview conducted on December 20 and demonstrated a hard copy of an extensible markup language (XML) code, such as EGDML code, generated by applying the recitations to the proprietary code. The Examiner was satisfied with the demonstration conducted on December 18, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the requirement to demonstrate several aspects of the invention under 35 U.S.C. §114 has been satisfied.

Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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